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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL 7008-3230-0003-0724-9271</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Don Lindsey Environmental & Health Specialist Chevron Texaco Corporation 332 Road 3100 Aztec, NM 87410

Re: Underground Injection Control (UIC)

Notice of Violation:

Loss of Mechanical Integrity

Clark 4-1 WDW Well

EPA Well ID# CO20588-03541

API # 05-067-07831 Ignacio Blanco Oil Field La Plata County, CO

Dear Mr. Lindsey:

On September 19, 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency learned that the Chevron Texaco Corporation injection well referenced above failed a mechanical integrity test on August 29, 2014. Pursuant to the above-referenced UIC Permit and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 144.51(q)(1) (40 C.F.R. § 144.51(q)(1)), you must establish and maintain mechanical integrity. A loss of mechanical integrity is a violation of this requirement.

Pursuant to the above-referenced UIC Permit and the regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 144.51(q)(2), you must immediately cease injection into this well. Before injection may resume, you must demonstrate that the well has mechanical integrity by passing a mechanical integrity test (MIT). You must also receive written authorization from the EPA.

Chevron Texaco has submitted a plan for bringing this well back into compliance. It is expected that you will return this well to compliance within ninety (90) days of the loss of mechanical integrity.

If you choose to plug and abandon this well, a plugging and abandonment plan must be submitted to the EPA for approval prior to the plugging operation.

Failure to comply with the UIC regulations found at 40 C.F.R. Parts 144 through 148 constitutes one or more violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300h. Such non-compliance may subject you to formal enforcement by the EPA, as codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact Don Breffle at (303) 312-6198. Please direct all correspondence to the attention of Don Breffle at Mail Code 8ENF-UFO.

Sincerely,

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